

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 16, 2018

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Student Advisor, Megan Bradley, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Vacation of Elizabeth Street** – Mayor Pavey said this street branches off Donald Street. Pavey asked for questions. There were no questions or comments. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The City of Rushville received a Quality of Place award at the AIM conference.
2. Met with Ivy Tech regarding the move to City Center. They will be sending a sample lease for review.
3. Attended the MORE conference formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters.
4. Attended the Chamber dinner. Citizens of the year were Dave and Barb Malson.
5. Senator Young was in town last week.
6. Will be meeting with Wilbur Laker to discuss trading property near the animal shelter.
7. Today I was interviewed for Waterworld Magazine along with Les Day, the contractor, and engineer for the water project.
8. Thursday we have a meeting to discuss the mediation on the Police Department roof.
9. Sunday Intat will have a picnic to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year in business in Rushville.
10. Fall break is October 22-26.
11. October 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with local, county, state, Indot, and CSX representatives to discuss movement north-south of the tracks.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** Copley informed Council that she has received the approval from the DLGF for the LRS additional appropriations.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Working on the 2019 schedule.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – BZA will meet tomorrow.
- **City Center** – They are painting, putting in the drop ceilings, and have done the back parking lot. It is moving along very well.
- **Cherry Street** – Nothing.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Jerry Reighley and gave permission to hire Larry Swhier. They also gave him permission to hire part-time employees for the transfer truck which will begin Nov 1st.

Chief Jenkins said Assistant Munson’s truck has some major issues. The truck is a 2007 and the hydraulics are locked. He said he is not sure he has the money is in this year’s budget. Replacement cost for a new truck is approximately \$26,000.00. Pavey suggested a 3 year lease. Council told Jenkins to move forward with the bid process.

**Animal** – Saturday Tabitha and Casey attended Halo meeting. Several departments meet to learn from each other and share resources. Cottrell was asked to serve as the regional 5 director.

Attended a meeting with the Mayor and area Vets to discuss the layout of the new building. The Vets said we are moving in the right direction.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they repaired drive ways on Spencer Street that had been damaged in the recent project. They have 1 more sidewalk to complete. They are repairing the corner of 5th & Morgan Streets that was recently damaged by semi traffic.

### **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pavey said the next meeting will be November 5, due to the 6<sup>th</sup> being Election Day.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Annexation** – We will follow the schedule.
2. **Historic Commission and Preservation Ordinance** – We have not heard back.
3. **Sugar Hill Drainage Easement** – Newhouse is still working on this.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2018-28 – 2019 Salaries** – Cameron said earlier this year we discussed giving the communication director an increase to try to bring parity with the county over a period of 3 years. He requested to add \$2000.00 to the communication director's salary. Cameron made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-28 with this revision. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2018-29 – 2019 Elected Officials Salaries** – Copley said the salaries reflect a 1% increase. Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2018-29. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Review Notice to Bidders City Fire Farm** – Pavey asked Council to review the notice for the next meeting.
4. **Elizabeth Street Vacate Request Ordinance 2018-33** - Chris Edrington said this is between their property and has never been used. She asked if there were any questions. Councilman Smith said this should have been vacated a long time ago. Edrington said it is not used as a street and they mow it. All requirements were met including proof of publication. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2018-33. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elbert Robertson, the adjacent property owner, said he owns 12 acres adjacent to the property and is concerned what direction Elizabeth Street runs. Edrington said it runs east to west. Robertson said there would be no access to the back of his property. He does not want the property land locked if he decides to sell it off at some time in the future. Smith said he would still have alley access; however trees would need to be removed. He said there is an easement of approximately 15-20 feet. Newhouse said there is access to the property through the alley it would not block or hinder use. Council could either let the vote stand or rescind the vote. Council agreed to let the vote stand as is. Smith informed Robertson that the alley way can be re-opened if needed for future use.

5. **2019 City Utility Budget** – Les Day reviewed the 2019 budget with Council. He said there was not much change. Councilman Smith asked if the sewer line insurance will be available in 2019. Day said they are working on this. Smith made a motion to approve the 2019 utility budget. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Day said they will complete the valve replacement project tomorrow. They have replaced 25 valves. There are 400 in our system. They will GPS all valves.

6. **New Police Vehicle** – in the absence of Chief Tucker, Councilman Bridges presented a proposal to replace the Explorer. The transmission is bad and it has engine problems. They would like to replace the vehicle with a 2019 Durango for \$28,310.00. Conner made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2019 Durango to replace the Explorer. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **Ambulance Lease/Purchase** – Chief Jenkins asked for permission to purchase 2 ambulances. This would be to help with transfers. The purchase would be for 2012 Internationals, for a cost of \$90,000.00. Jenkins would also like to purchase 2 power cots, one for each ambulance. This will be a lease to purchase agreement. Smith made a motion to proceed with the lease of the 2 International ambulances and the 2 power cots as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. **Craig Smith Voluntary Annexation Request** –

- a. October 16 – Introduction of Ordinance & Acceptance of Fiscal Plan – Resolution 2018-20
- b. November 20 – Public Hearing
- c. December 4 – Ordinance 2018-32

Bridges made a motion to introduce the annexation ordinance. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith abstaining from the vote.

Bridges moved to approve the fiscal plan and to approve Resolution 2018-20. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith abstaining from the vote.

#### **UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

1. **Philpot Annexation 1531 N Spencer November 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting** –
2. **Regional Stellar Memorandum of Understanding** – Berkemeier moved to approve the Regional Stellar Memorandum of Understanding. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL** – Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – Berkemeier informed Council that the Stevens hearing will be November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.